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State of Texas

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Mr. Sim Goodall
Police Legal Advisor
City of Arlington
101 West Abram Street
Arlington, Texas 76004-0231

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Dear Mr. Goodall:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 116839.

The Arlington Police Department received a request for a copy of an offense report concerning a juvenile suspect. You assert that the report is confidential pursuant to section 58.007(c) of the Family Code, which states that "[e]xcept as provided by Subsection (d), law enforcement records and files concerning a child may not be disclosed to the public." Subsection (d), which concerns the transfer of records in certain circumstances, is apparently inapplicable in this situation. We agree that section 58.007(c) makes the requested offense report confidential. *See also* Fam. Code § 51.02(2) (defining "child"). Thus, you may not provide the requestor with a copy of this offense report.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ruth H. Soucy", is written over a horizontal line.

Ruth H. Soucy
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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